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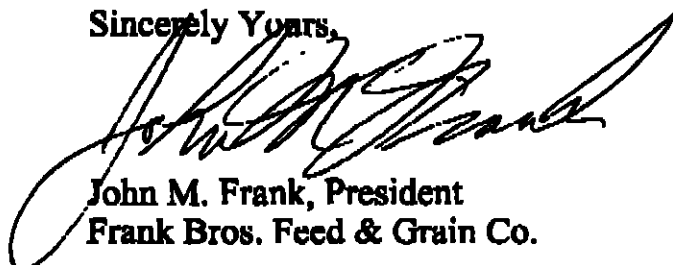
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Dear Mr. Nottingham:

Please accept this as my request to give testimony at your April 24, 2008 hearing on railroads common carrier obligation.

I own a grain elevator in Wells, Minnesota. It has been a fifty car loading facility since the early 1970's. I had it leased out for several years. The last four of five years I had it leased to a company that also had an elevator in Wells. They continued to drop the lease rate on me and failed to do any maintenance, so I did not renew the lease. They were trying to buy me out but at a price that was a fraction of what my facility was worth. Last August I made an inquiry to a representative of the IC&E railroad about an item in their news letter. That person got back to me and told me that I couldn't ship grain any more because they sold the track that goes past my elevator to my competitor. It was my understanding this had taken place a year earlier. I was not given any notice of the sale, no right of refusal, nothing. There is plenty of track in Wells. They didn't need to sell them the track past my place. Now I have a facility that was appraised at \$1,100,000.00 that is just about worthless. I don't know what kind of deal the IC&E made with my competitor, but they had only one goal in mind and that was to put me out of business. I would certainly like the opportunity to tell my story at your hearing and hopefully stop some of the ruthless practices of the railroads.

Sincerely Yours,



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